



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Minnesota Department of Commerce
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NOTICE OF PERMIT AMENDMENT REQUEST

*In the Matter of the Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC Application for a Large
Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 60 Megawatt Lakeswind
Wind Power Plant in Becker, Clay and Ottertail Counties*

PUC Docket Number: IP-6603/WS-08-1449

In an order issued September 18, 2009, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a site permit to Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC for the 60 MW Lakeswind Wind Power Plant in Becker, Clay and Ottertail counties.

As provided for in Minnesota Rule 7854.1300 [Site Permit Amendment or Revocation] a site permit may be amended by the Commission if there is good cause to do so. No site permit may be amended without notice and opportunity to comment. The site permit for the Lakeswind Wind Power Plant in section III.K.3 (Modification of Conditions) allows permit modification or amendment for cause after notice and opportunity for hearing.

On March 8, 2011, Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC (Lakeswind) applied for an amendment to modify condition III.J.4 [Power Purchase Agreement] of the site permit issued by the Commission to include the full flexibility provided by Minn. Rule 7854.1100. To date, no Commission action has been taken on this request. See initial notice at: [20113-60696-01](#).

On May 18, 2011, Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC (Lakeswind) filed for a second amendment that would modify condition III.K.2 to read as follows:

If the Permittee has not completed the pre-construction surveys required in paragraph III.D and commenced construction of the LWECS within ~~two~~ four years of the issuance of this Permit, the Permittee must advise the PUC of the reason construction has not commenced. In such event, the PUC may determine whether this Permit should be amended or revoked. No revocation this Permit may be undertaken except in accordance with applicable statute and rules, including Minnesota Statute 216F.05 and Minnesota Rule 7836.1300.

Lakeswind's stated purpose in requesting this amendment is to allow the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) time to complete its re-study of the Lakeswind Project and all "group-5" generation interconnections to establish a new regime of interconnect costs for the proposed generators, and possible changes to the schedule regarding when interconnection service will be available.

Lakeswind seeks no other change to the permit or permit conditions approved by the Commission in its September 18, 2009, order.

According to Minn. Rule 78540.1300 and site permit condition III.K.3, interested persons may submit comments on this proposed permit amendment. **A comment period will be open through June 15, 2011.** Comments need to be emailed, faxed, or mailed to Larry Hartman (see address below) by 4:30 p.m. on that date. Please refer to docket number "08-1449" in all correspondence. Following the comment period, the two permit amendment requests will go before the Commission for a decision.

The amendment requested by the permittee is discussed in its permit amendment request. The complete amendment request can be viewed at the Commission website:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19892>

Or by entering "Year" as "08" and "Number" as "1449" at eDockets:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

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